

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical switch comprising:
a casing,
first and second fixed contacts,
a moving contact having first and second parts for contact with the first and second fixed contacts, respectively,
a first spring ~~for~~ resiliently biasing the moving contact into contact with both of the first and second fixed contacts, and
an operating member supported by the casing for movement between first and second positions to cause the moving contact to move into contact with and out of contact from the first and second fixed contacts, respectively, wherein
the operating member and the spring act upon the moving contact at respective positions that are offset from each other, and
the moving contact is pivotable by movement of the operating member in ~~one~~ a first direction to separate ~~its~~ the first part from the first fixed contact and, subsequently, in ~~an~~ a second direction, opposite the first direction, to ~~also~~ separate ~~its~~ the second part from the second fixed contact.
2. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein the casing includes a support for engagement by the first part of the moving contact to enable the moving contact to pivot in ~~said opposite~~ the second direction.
3. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the support is situated on one side of the first part of the moving contact, opposite a part of the first fixed contact with which the first part of the moving contact ~~part~~ is to make contact.
4. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2 ~~or claim 3~~, wherein the support comprises a heat sink.
5. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein the operating member and the first spring act upon the moving contact along respective, substantially ~~co~~-parallel axes that are offset from each other.

6. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 5, wherein the moving contact comprises a lever having opposite ends as ~~its~~ the first and second parts.

7. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the first spring comprises a ~~compression~~ coil spring.

8. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 7, wherein the operating member includes a second spring engaging the moving contact.

9. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 8, wherein the operating member comprises a pushbutton.

10. (Currently Amended) The electrical switch as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 9, being a normally-closed switch in which, upon release of the operating member, the moving contact is biased into contact with both of the first and second fixed contacts.

11. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the support comprises a heat sink.

12. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the operating member and the first spring act upon the moving contact along respective, substantially parallel axes that are offset from each other.

13. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the operating member and the first spring act upon the moving contact along respective, substantially parallel axes that are offset from each other.

14. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 4, wherein the operating member and the first spring act upon the moving contact along respective, substantially parallel axes that are offset from each other.

15. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the moving contact comprises a lever having opposite ends as the first and second parts.

16. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 3, wherein the moving contact comprises a lever having opposite ends as the first and second parts.

17. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 4, wherein the moving contact comprises a lever having opposite ends as the first and second parts.

18. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the moving contact comprises a lever having opposite ends as the first and second parts.

19. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the operating member includes a second spring engaging the moving contact.

20. (New) The electrical switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the operating member comprises a pushbutton.